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1. Georgios Siantos and other leaders who signed the Lebanon Agreement for the Greek Left-wing, are now fighting against Nikolaos Zachariades and Ioannis Ioannides in an effort to cause the abandonment of their "policy of illegality" and to bring about a surrender of arms in exchange for a policy of forming a legal party.
2. Ioannis Zevgos, who was assassinated 20 March at Salonika, possibly lost his life as a result of this schism as he was a known moderate. Zachariades, however, still argues that a surrender of arms would mean being murdered at the hands of the extreme Right. To support his stand he cites the murders at Gythion and Sgala, the killing of the Salonika newspapermen, and the recent inflammatory announcement by Major Georgios Kourouklis, the present Military Governor of Lakonia, in praise of Katsareas.
3. Source expressed his conviction that if the American intervention were to be accompanied by a true moderate Government policy, and the lives of the rebels were guaranteed to be safe if they surrendered, the KKE would be split and the country would be quickly pacified.

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